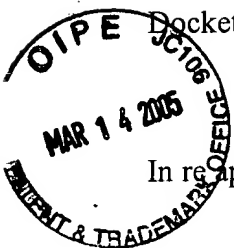


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until March 14, 2005. Please reconsider the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks presented below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.